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IDOT: Expect more I-74 lane reductions

Lane approaching McClugage Bridge to close Wednesday

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PEORIA - More intermittent daytime lane reductions can be expected on Interstate 74 in Peoria next week because of the ongoing facelift of the highway, the Illinois Department of Transportation said Friday.

Lane reductions are scheduled on I-74 between Ellis Street and Sterling Avenue from Monday through Friday; on eastbound I-74 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily; and on westbound I-74 from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day.

I-74 related lane reductions also can be expected on U.S. Route 24 in East Peoria, where the left westbound lane approaching the McClugage Bridge will be closed starting Wednesday through Friday.

That lane will be closed for shoulder widening to allow for the opening of a third westbound traffic lane on the McClugage, which later is intended to be used as an alternate to the Murray Baker Bridge, which carries I-74.

Work zones will continue around Sterling, Gale and Knoxville avenues in Peoria; various streets and I-74 overpasses in and around Downtown Peoria; and around Riverfront Drive in East Peoria.

Other new or newly revised work zones next week include:



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- Scenic Drive between Rockwood Road and Sterling Avenue, where the eastbound right lane will be closed from Monday through Friday. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times.

- Pennsylvania Avenue from Knoxville Avenue to Berkeley Avenue, which will be closed for reconstruction work beginning Thursday until Sept. 6.

- The exit ramp from westbound I-74 to Glendale Avenue and the entrance ramp from Glendale to westbound I-74 in Downtown Peoria, which reopens Monday morning at 6 a.m. It was scheduled to close Friday night.

- Washington Street in East Peoria, where the left northbound lane will be closed near the Bob Michel Bridge and Riverfront Drive to allow for reconstruction on the latter road.

For more information, call a toll-free project hotline at (866) 474-6397 (or I74-NEWS) or by dialing #74 on a U.S. Cellular phone, or access a project Web page by clicking on the Big Fix/Upgrade 74 link on the Journal Star's Web site at www.pjstar.com/news/.

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